

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Richard Meyers, City Manager

SUBJECT: Friday Update

DATE: December 6, 2019

### **Christmas in Cottage Grove Saturday**

Join us for a day full of activities this Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup> on Main Street for Christmas in Cottage Grove. Santa and Mrs. Claus will be arriving early for breakfast at the Fire Hall at 7:00 am then they will be present at All-America City Park to light the Christmas Tree at 5:00 pm. Following the tree lighting Santa and Mrs. Claus will catch a ride on a Fire Truck to City Hall where they will be available for pictures until 8:00 pm.

The Main Street Program will be hosting a Scavenger Hunt with businesses on Main Street and a business window contest where winners will be selected on your votes. Pick up a nomination form from any business on Main Street and submit it to the gift wrapped box in City Hall or send a Facebook message to the Main Street Coordinator with your vote and a picture you took, by December 7<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm. You can pick up a Scavenger Hunt flyer from any of the businesses and submit it to the box in City Hall by 7 pm for a chance to win in the drawing. Thank you to our sponsors for continuing to support our community. Check out the Chamber of Commerce's website for more information.

### **Free Bus Passes for Seniors**

Lane Transit District (LTD) will be offering free "Honored Rider" passes to Seniors 65 and older. Those interested in this opportunity can obtain a free pass at the Cottage Grove Community Center on Monday, December 9<sup>th</sup> from 2:30 pm to 4:00 pm or Tuesday, December 17<sup>th</sup> from 4:30 pm to 6:00 pm (proof of age required.)

### **Blood Drive**

Cottage Grove Community Center is hosting a Blood Drive on Monday, December 16<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 am to 5:00 pm (Closed for lunch 1:00 to 2 pm.) Bring your photo ID. For more information or to schedule an appointment, please call Bloodworks at (800) 398-7888 or go to [www.bloodworksnw.org/donate](http://www.bloodworksnw.org/donate) (sponsor code L17). Walk-ins are welcome.

### **Hospital Auxiliary Christmas Goodie Sale**

A wonderful selection of baked goods and candy will be available for purchase on Tuesday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at the Cottage Grove Community Center lobby. All proceeds will help the Hospital Auxiliary support PeaceHealth Cottage Grove Community Medical Center.

### **Oregon Health Plan (OHP)Community Conversation with PacificSource**

PacificSource Community Solutions invites community members to attend a conversation to discuss PacificSource's new role as a Coordinated Care Organization serving Oregon Health Plan members in Lane County. The meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 9<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 to 1:00 pm at the Cottage Grove Community Center.

### **Vision Keeper Committee Openings**

The City of Cottage Grove is seeking applicants for two “At-Large” positions for a two year term on the Vision Keepers Committee. Applicants will be interviewed and confirmed by the City Council. The role of the 15 member Vision Keepers Committee is to monitor progress of the Cottage Grove 2037 Vision Action Plan, encourage implementation of actions, provide technical assistance or support where appropriate, produce annual progress reports and recommend minor modifications to the plan as necessary. Membership of the committee is made up of representatives from Lead Partners in the Vision Action Plan, City Council representatives and four at-large members. Applications are available at City Hall, Community Center or on the City’s webpage. Completed applications should be submitted by Friday, December 27, 2019 at 5:00 pm to Teresa Cowan, Community Coordinator, 400 E. Main Street or email: [communitycoordinator@cottagegrove.org](mailto:communitycoordinator@cottagegrove.org). For more information contact Teresa Cowan at: (541)942-1185.

### **November 2019 Building Inspection Services Report**

For the month of November the Building Division of the Public Works & Development Department issued 50 permits and performed 136 inspections in Cottage Grove. In Creswell 12 permits were issued and 38 inspections were performed. In Veneta, 14 permits were issued and 63 inspections were performed. Staff reviewed and approved 22 plan sets in October and an additional 6 plan sets are in review or on hold for additional information.

### **City wide Leaf Pickup Update**

Utility crews continue to remove leaf piles throughout the City and will until all the piles are picked up. Property owners can continue to place leaves in the approved locations until December 15<sup>th</sup>. Crews plan on completing the removal of leaves by December 20<sup>th</sup>.

### **Plastics Take Back Program**

This week Shauna Neigh and David Gardiepy, Cottage Grove Master Recycler and Plastics Collectors, took 400 pounds of recyclable plastic to Lane County for recycling. Shauna and David collect plastic during Farmers Market Events. This brings the total of plastic collected this year to just under 800 pounds. The community plastics collection will continue through December during the Farmers Market.

### **City Christmas Trees**

A big thank you goes out to Stuart Stevenson for donating both the 25 foot tall Christmas tree for All-America City Park and the 12 foot tall tree at City Hall. The City Maintenance spent this past week decorating the tree at All-America City Park in preparation for Saturday's Tree Lighting. The Youth Advisory Council (YAC) decorated the tree at City Hall Monday evening. Everything is ready for Santa's arrival.

### **Police Department Training**

Detectives Tami Miles and Jason Cross attended a two-day training for Crisis Intervention Training (CIT) Instructor in Roseburg, Oregon. Both detectives had attended a 40 hour CIT training course prior to attending this training. Both detectives can now instruct CIT training. Good job.

### *Quote of the Week*

*“As we give presents at Christmas, we need to recognize that sharing our time and ourselves is such an important part of giving.”*

*~ Gordon B. Hinckley~*